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The Pudukudi Tank Scheme.

* 239 Q.—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the estimate for the restoration of the Pudukudi tank (or otherwise known as Mathikattu Eri) has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the cost of the estimate and the area to be benefited by this scheme; and

(c) when the Government are going to undertake the scheme?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Starting of a Second Grade College at Bhadrachalam.

* 240 Q.—Sri Y. V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for starting a Second Grade College at Bhadrachalam, East Godavari?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

Sri Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I know the reason, Sir? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer was 'No,' Sir, simply because the proposal was never taken up."

Memoranda received from the All-Kerala Ayurvedic Congress.

* 241 Q.—Sri M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether the Government have received memoranda from Ayurvedic physicians and representatives of the All-Kerala Ayurvedic Conference requesting the Government to revoke the recent orders which have classified Asavas and Arishtas in the Prohibition list; and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes, Sir. The Government have received memoranda from the All-Kerala Ayurvedic Congress on 4th July 1952. The matter is under consideration of Government."

Sri T. ANANTHA PAI :—" I should like to know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the question of extending the exemptions granted to tinctures under the Prohibition Act to asavas and arishtas also as from the point of view of enforcement of the Prohibition Act, the distinction made between drugs containing self-generating alcohol and drugs to which alcohol is added is not at all helpful."

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, I have already said that the matter is under the consideration of Government."